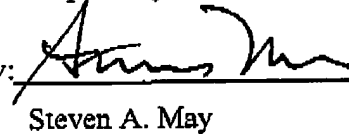


REMARKS

In a Notice of Allowance dated March 31, 2006, and based on an interview with the applicants' attorney on March 20, 2006, the Examiner amended the claims of the application and allowed the application. The amendments herein to claims 1, 10, and 33 reflect the agreed upon amendments. However, the applicants disagree with the Examiner's proposed amendments to claims 19, 26, and 35. More particularly, the applicants believe that they agreed to amend claims 19, 26, and 35 to provide for conveying an allocation of an uplink timeslot to a mobile station for use by the mobile station to transmit control data in the uplink timeslot during one or more intervals between availabilities of a packet associated control channel, rather than to provide for conveying an allocation of an uplink timeslot to a mobile station, wherein the mobile station transmits control data in the uplink timeslot between availabilities of a packet associated control channel. Also, the applicants have further amended claim 35 to further clarify the claim and the agreed upon amendment.

The applicants believe that these amendments are in conformance with their agreement with the Examiner and respectfully solicit allowance of these amended claims. However, if the Examiner disagrees with the applicants' proposed claim amendments and is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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